VCC English as an Additional Language Assessment - Optional Practice Materials

What is the purpose of the VCC English Language Assessment (ELA)?
The purpose of the VCC ELA is to determine your current levels of English skills; it will point out the area where you are strong and areas where you can improve.

How can I prepare for the VCC ELA?
When you make your appointment at the Assessment Centre on the 4th floor for the ELA, you will be given a sample question booklet. It will give you examples of the areas in which you will be tested and samples of the types of questions asked.

Optional Practice Materials
Below is a list of books and websites that may be helpful if you want to practice your English skills before the assessment. You can find them in the Library or Learning Centre. These resources are for general English practice only. Please use the ELA sample question booklet for specific assessment preparation.

GRAMMAR
- Basic Grammar in Use (any edition) by R. Murphy
- Grammar in Use (any edition) by R. Murphy
- Fundamentals of English Grammar (any edition), workbook and test bank by B. Azar
- Understanding and Using English Grammar (any edition), workbook and test bank by B. Azar
- How English Works by M. Swan and C. Walter
- Testing Your Grammar by S. Reinhart

READING
- Reading Drills by E. Fry (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)
- Six-Way Paragraphs (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) by W. Pauk

WRITING
- Share Your Paragraph by G. Rooks (Beginner)
- Think About Editing by A. Ascher (Intermediate/Advanced)
- The Canadian’s Writer’s Workplace by J. Roberts, J. Scarry, S. Scarry (Advanced)
- Sentence Skills by J. Langan (Advanced)
- The Bare Essentials (any edition) by S. Norton & B. Green
SPELLING

*Improving Your Spelling* by C. Crowell

LISTENING

*Developing Tactics for Listening* by J. Richards (Beginner)
*Now Hear This* by B. Foley (Upper Beginner)
*Intermediate Listening Comprehension* by P. Dunkel and P. Lim
*Face the Issues* by C. Numrich (Intermediate)
*Contemporary Topics 1/2/3* by E. Kisslinger and M. Rost (Int/Advanced)
*Consider the Issues* by C. Numrich (Advanced)

Any TOEFL or IELTS preparation book can be used for advanced study.

WEBSITES

https://ed.ted.com/lessons
https://www.englishgrammar.org/
https://breakingnewsenglish.com/index.html